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In re Patent Application of)	
AIMO SEPPÄNEN)	
Application No.: 10/659,287)	Group Art Unit: 1732
Filed: September 11, 2003)	Examiner: Michael I. Poe
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)	Confirmation No.: 5597
CASTING A CONCRETE PRODUCT)	
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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of May 3, 2004, Applicant elects with traverse the claims of Group I (i.e., method for fabricating a hollow-core concrete product Claims 1 to 5 and 9 to 15).


It is respectfully pointed out that the subject matter of apparatus for fabricating a hollow-core concrete product Claims 6 to 8 and 16 could be conveniently prosecuted in the same Application in spite of the different classification that is indicated in the Official Action. The search of the prior art would appear to be coextensive. Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to use his discretion under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and withdraw the restriction requirement

since the search and examination of all claims could be accomplished without serious burden. Such examination is urged to make possible increased efficiency for all concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

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